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#### AN EVENING WITH ATTORNEYS OLIVER HILL AND JOHNATHAN STUBBS



Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia, continues its celebration of the *Brown v. Board of Education* 50th Anniversary. As part of its "Then and Now" series, Longwood officials are looking at the history and legacy of this Supreme Court decision for our nation, our state and, in particular, their community. This event is cosponsored by the Robert Russa Moton Museum. All events are free and open to the public. For a complete listing of events through May 2004 call (434) 395-2020 or visit Longwood University.

## SPECIAL BROWN EVENTS

Wednesday, March 3, Noon to 1 pm -- U.S. Department of State will celebrate "The 50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education," in the Harry S. Truman Building (Main State), Conference Room 1912

"The 50th Anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education"*: Guest speaker will be Professor Okianer Christian Dark, Chair of the Brown@50 Planning Committee, of Howard University School of Law, in Washington, DC. Professor Dark joined the faculty at Howard in the Fall of 2001. She is a member of the law school committees on Student Affairs, Law Journal, and the Clyde Ferguson Lecturer. A dramatization of the life of Thurgood Marshall is also included. Information concerning registration may be obtained from Ms. Antionette St. Clair at (202) 647-9040, or by email.

Saturday, March 13, 2004 -- Just the Beginning Foundation program, "Affirmative Action: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Issues," in conjunction with *Brown v. Board of Education* exhibit at Carter Woodson Regional Library, Chicago, Illinois.

## MIXED MEDIA MENTIONS OF BROWN....

"Kansas site involved in the *Brown vs. Board of Education* ruling gets second life as a museum," by Kristina Herrndobler (Washington Bureau, Black Voices).

#### **COMMISSIONER PROFILE**

Patrick Swygert, President of Howard University, representing the District of Columbia. After earning a bachelors and JD with honors from Howard University in 1965 and 1968, respectively, H. Patrick Swygert returned to his alma mater in 1995 as its 15th president. Mr. Swygert serves on several boards and has been given honorary degrees from a number of prestigious universities, including the Medallion of the University, the University of Albany's highest honor. In 2002 the U.S. Secretary of Education, Rod Paige, appointed President Swygert as Chair of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Capital Financing Program Advisory Board.



"The <u>Brown</u> decision represents the beginning of the actualization of the American Ideal of a society of equal opportunity. All Americans are the beneficiaries of <u>Brown</u>, for the Supreme Court in <u>Brown</u> made plain that there would no longer be two classes of Americans, some privileged and some denied the privileges of American citizenship. Our experiences since <u>Brown</u> also make clear that as powerful as the ideals embodied in <u>Brown</u> are they are not self-perpetuating...we must remain alert and constantly engaged in the work of fully realizing <u>Brown</u>'s promise."

# **INTERESTING BROWN LINKS**

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